

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT CAPITAL FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006, 2:00 P.M.
RoomW025, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. Bill Hickman, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Rep. Roger Barrus
Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman
Rep. Stephen Clark
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Michael T. Morley

Members Excused: Sen. Peter Knudson
Pres. John Valentine
Rep. Ralph Becker

Staff Present: Steve Allred, Fiscal Analyst
Todd Wardrop, Fiscal Analyst
Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Larry Jardine, Chair, Building Board
Keith Stepan, Director, Division of Facilities Construction & Management
Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner, Utah State System of Higher Education
Darrell K. White, President, Utah College of Applied Technology
Brent Wallis, Campus President, UCAT, Ogden/Weber Applied Technology College
Ryan Thomas, President, College of Eastern Utah
Mike Benson, President, Snow College
Mike Bouwhuis, Campus President, UCAT Davis College of Applied Technology
Ann Milner, President, Weber State University
Stan Albrecht, President, Utah State University
Stan Plewe, Vice President, Dixie State College
Paul Hacking, Campus President, UCAT, Uintah Basin
Guy Denton, Executive Director, Uintah Basin
Bill Sederburg, President, Utah Valley State College
Jared Sumsion, Studentbody President, Utah Valley State College

Judd Fitzgerald, Science and Health Senator, Utah Valley State College
Val Peterson, Vice President, Administration and External Affairs, Utah Valley State College
Steve Bennion, President, Southern Utah University
Rob Brems, Campus President, Mountainlands Applied Technology College
Steven Croshaw, NEI-Utah

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Co-Chair Buxton called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. Higher Education Projects

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, introduced the Higher Education projects and gave instructions to subcommittee members.

a. Comments by Building Board - Larry Jardine and Keith Stepan

Larry Jardine, Chair, Building Board, introduced the members of the Building Board in attendance and presented an overview of the Utah State Building Board Five-Year Building Program For State Agencies and Institutions - General Session 2006. He referred to the Building Board's No. 1 priority, Utah Valley State College (UVSC) Digital Learning Center and the No. 2 priority, Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), Uintah Basin Applied Technology College (UBATC)/Utah State University (USU) Vernal Campus.

Mr. Jardine stated the support of the Board for the return to funding the budget of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) and commended Keith Stepan, Director, DFCM, on the excellent accomplishments of this Division.

b. Comments from Commissioner of Higher Education - Richard E. Kendell

Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner, Utah State System of Higher Education (USHE), presented information on USHE's FY 2007 Capital Development Priorities. He referred to their Nos. 1 through 4 priorities: Weber State University (WSU) Classroom Building/Chiller Plant; the USU Relocation of agricultural functions to allow Innovation Campus expansion; UVSC Digital Learning Center; and the Salt Lake Community

College So. City Digital Design/Community Center & Student Life project.

c. Comments by UCAT Interim President - Darrell K. White

Darrell K. White, President, UCAT, summarized the four projects identified on the Building Board's priority list requests. He stated his appreciation for the efforts of the Building Board and responded to questions from subcommittee members regarding how the number of students attending the UCAT schools is calculated.

d. UCAT Ogden/Weber Health Technology Building - Brent Wallis

Brent Wallis, Campus President, UCAT, Ogden/Weber Applied Technology College (OWATC), presented information regarding this project. He stated that this project will construct a new 65,000 square-foot Health Technology Building which will enable OWATC to consolidate healthcare programs currently at three different locations. The request is for \$13,992,000. The new building will allow the campus to more than double its capacity for the 12 programs to be housed there.

President Wallis stated that OWATC's health training programs have grown 105% over the past five years. However, space limitations have halted new growth. Approximately 500 qualified students have been unable to enroll in health related programs because of space limitations.

e. College of Eastern Utah (CEU) Fine Arts Building - Ryan Thomas

Ryan Thomas, President, CEU, presented the request of \$16,254,000 for this project which will replace the existing Geary Theatre and the Music Building with a new 60,000 square-foot fine arts facility. He stated that none of the current facilities meet code requirements for fire suppression, earthquake safety, or ADA accessibility. Further, the Geary Theatre has serious fire-safety concerns due to the lack of a fire sprinkling system, a worn out electrical system, and existing problems of needed repairs. The condition of the current buildings makes it difficult to attract students or to offer quality programs.

f. Snow College Library/Classroom Building - Mike Benson

Mike Benson, President, Snow College, expressed appreciation to Mr. Stepan and DFCM for their efforts to help and support the College. He stated that the request for this project is \$18,531,000 to be used to construct a new 96,000 square-foot Library/Classroom Building. The library will also house the base operation for the county bookmobile program. The existing library was constructed in 1968 when the

college's enrollment was 800 students--current enrollment is approaching 3,000 students; and the existing library is overcrowded, outdated and inadequate to meet the information technology functions found in modern college libraries.

President Benson responded to questions from subcommittee members regarding funding and the cooperative effort with surrounding cities in raising money for the library. He stated that \$2 million has already been donated by the Huntsmans, and a portion of this money could be used for design if phase funding is determined to be best procedure. The County has contributed \$1 million in CIB Loans; a Federal Grant of \$2 million has been promised, \$200,000 of which has already been received; and funding of \$100,000 from the City of Ephraim.

g. UCAT Davis Technology/Manufacturing Building - Mike Bouwhuis

Mike Bouwhuis, Campus President, UCAT Davis College of Applied Technology (DATC), presented information regarding this request of \$12,975,000 for a new combined high-bay and two-story 60,382 square-foot Technology & Manufacturing Building. The new facility will enable the college to relocate and expand existing programs plus add new programs. The DATC has increased in membership hours an average of 7% per year, and there has been a 88% increase since 1995.

President Bouwhuis stated that the request for a new facility at DATC is driven by demand from industry for more technologically trained workers and corresponding growth in enrollment. In addition, the air quality within the existing building is hazardous due to diesel exhaust fumes.

Regarding return on investment, the President stated that new workers employed from expanded capacity will contribute an additional \$223,500 in Utah State income tax for the first year; compounding tax revenue will pay for the project in just over 12 years; the College currently operates six portables, and the new building will eliminate the need for portables at an operational savings of \$1,000 per year per portable.

Co-Chair Hickman commended President Bouwhuis for the success and achievements of the school.

h. Weber State University (WSU) Buildings 1 and 2 Replacements/Chiller Plant - Ann Milner

Ann Milner, President, WSU, presented information regarding the request of \$24,650,000 to demolish Buildings 1 and 2 and replace them with a 86,000 square foot,

three-story academic facility with modern classrooms, teaching labs, and offices to allow the consolidation of several widely-scattered programs. She stated that a 4,000 square-foot chilled water plant facility is proposed to be built adjacent to the existing cooling towers.

President Milner stated that Buildings 1 and 2 are single-story, brick buildings with single pane glazing and flat roofs have serious functional and life-safety deficiencies related to the structural, electrical, and mechanical systems. Replacement of these original buildings has long been a priority of the campus master plan.

i. Utah State University (USU) Agricultural Campus Relation - Stan Albrecht

Stan Albrecht, President, USU, introduced Noelle Cockett, Vice President, Extension and Agriculture and Dean, College of Agriculture, who assisted in the presentation. This project will relocate agricultural functions to the South Animal Farm near Wellsville, in order to make room for the expansion of USU's Innovation Campus.

President Albrecht explained that this Innovation Campus site will replace 77 small old buildings that have reached the end of their useful life. The Legislature previously funded \$5 million to expand the Innovation Campus as part of an economic development initiative. An additional \$5 million is being requested this year to complete the expansion of the campus.

j. USU Agriculture Building - Stan Albrecht

President Albrecht continued the presentation with this project which will construct a new classroom/office building on the site of the old Merrill Library which will be torn down upon completion of the new library project. This project is needed to replace two obsolete and dangerous buildings. The request for this project is \$69,542,000.

k. Dixie State College (DSC) Science Center - Stan Plewe

Stan Plewe, Vice President, DSC, presented information regarding this project request which is to construct a 21,900 square-foot addition to the DSC Science Building. The request is for \$8,743,000; however, a programming study to identify more fully the College's space needs in the science program is anticipated. The study will conduct a more comprehensive examination of future growth and whether this request should be for a building addition or new stand-alone facility.

Co-Chair Hickman assumed the Chair.

l. DSC Revenue Bond Proposal - Abby Apartments - Stan Plewe

President Plewe continued the presentation with a request for authorization to purchase a residential living facility adjacent to the College campus. The College plans to use the facility for married student housing. The down payment will be made using Auxiliary and Elderhostel reserves, approximately \$325,000. He stated that with the approval of the Utah State Board of Regents, Dixie will proceed with revenue bond financing and escrow arrangements as soon as possible.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the revenue bond proposal for Dixie State College Abby Apartments. The motion passed unanimously with Co-Chair Buxton, Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Barrus absent for the vote.

Rep. Harper asked if DFCM had made an inspection of the Abby Apartments. Mr. Stepan said he had driven by them but had not made an inspection, and he stated that DFCM would make an inspection and issue a report to the Chairs.

m. UCAT Vernal Building - Paul Hacking and Guy Denton

Paul Hacking, Campus President, and Guy Denton, Executive Director, USU, Uintah Basin, presented information regarding this project which will construct a new facility for UBATC and USU at the Vernal Campus adjacent to Uintah High School. USU will offer Bachelors and Master Degree programs in Science, Natural Resources, and other fields. USU is very supportive of this request.

President Hacking reported that UBATC membership hours have increased 7.6% over last year. Uintah County has committed matching funds up to \$4.5 million as a demonstration of support for the project. In addition, the Uintah School District has agreed to donate the three acres of land required for the project at an estimated value of \$120,000. The total request is for \$9,942,000.

Co-Chair Buxton assumed the Chair.

n. UVSC Digital Learning Center - Bill Sederburg

Bill Sederburg, President, Utah Valley State College (UVSC), presented information regarding this project. He stated that this project will construct a facility designed to merge information technology functions including research, academic computing, and media functions to match the growth and development of the institution. The request is for \$48 million.

President Sederburg introduced Jared Sumsion, Studentbody President. Mr. Sumsion then introduced other student leaders in attendance. Judd Fitzgerald, Science and Health Senator, reaffirmed the need for this project.

Responding to questions from subcommittee members, Val Peterson, Vice President, Administration and External Affairs, stated that a book-retrieval system was not in the plan for now; however, space has been allocated for this system in the future. The College is not interested in replicating the BYU library but in holdings geared to the four-year degrees offered by their school. Many students from UVSC use the BYU library when necessary.

o. Southern Utah University (SUU) Science Center Addition - Steve Bennion

Steve Bennion, President, SUU, expressed appreciation for the Teacher Education Building and the Old Main support at SUU. He presented the request of \$18,523,000 for the Science Center Addition. This project will construct a 61,341 square-foot addition to the east wing of SUU's Science Center. As part of the project, the old 9,500 Life Science Building will be demolished to make way for the new addition. The new addition will be designed as 85% laboratory space and 15% as office space.

President Bennion further stated that enrollment has increased 17% in the last two years and 34% over the last five years, and the College of Science is in great need of additional lab space. \$370,000 in private donations have been acquired by the University for this project.

p. UCAT Mountainlands Land Purchase - Rob Brems

Rob Brems, Campus President, Mountainlands Applied Technology College (MATC), was assisted in the presentation of this project by Steven Croshaw, NEI-Utah. MATC is the fastest growing ATC in the UCAT system, and last year the school experienced a 15% rate of growth. MATC requests funds of \$4,500,000 to purchase approximately 22 acres of property in Northern Utah County to establish a new ATC in this rapidly growing area. The land is fully-developed with all necessary infrastructure in place. If the property acquisition is funded this year, MATC plans to request funding next year for a 75,000 square-foot building as "Phase 1" of the campus build-out.

Rep. Morley and Rep. S. Clark stated their support for this project.

Mr. Croshaw stated that land prices have soared in the last two years and the availability of land is becoming limited. The Ashton family owns the property and is giving a

discount, not a donation, because they are interested in education and giving back to the community. Using the land for the MATC fits the long-term vision of the Ashton family. However, this option is only open for this year.

Responding to questions from subcommittee members, President Brems stated that the existing MATC facility is located in a former hardware store in American Fork. This facility is under a lease/purchase contract, and MATC plans to sell the existing facility as soon as the new campus comes online. The Alpine School District has indicated an interest in purchasing the building.

3. Other Business

Director Dave Hart has offered to conduct a tour of the Capitol Building for subcommittee members on Wednesday, February 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. He has asked that everyone dress appropriately.

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Buxton.

The minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton.

Sen. Bill Hickman
Committee Co-Chair

Rep. David G. Buxton
Committee Co-Chair